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Research Notes

III. RESEARCH NOTES

Regna Darnell, Department of Anthropology, University of Alberta, is working on the professionalization of Canadian anthropology, with special emphasis on the Natural Museum of Canada under Sapir, Jenness and Barbeau, in relation to both the Boasian and the British anthropological traditions, using both archival and oral historical sources.

Don D. Fowler, Desert Research Institute, University of Nevada, is doing a History of field manual anthropology from before 1800 up to about 1910, based on both manuscript and published materials, with an attempt to assess the data gathered by specific manuals. (cf. HAN I:1)

Murray Leaf, Department of Anthropology, UCLA, is completing a study of two intertwined themes in the history of anthropology (conceptions of primitive mentality, and of the relation of science and social science) largely on the basis of published materials, and with emphasis on the philosophical orientations underlying the work of anthropological writers.

Donald MacRae, Professor of Sociology at the London School of Economics, is continuing research (which has produced articles at regular intervals since 1951) into the general history of anthropology from Lafitau forward, with emphasis on learned societies and journals, social anthropology not in English, and Southern and West African anthropology.

William Speth, Associate Professor of Geography, University of Arkansas, has completed a manuscript on "The Anthropogeographic Theories of Franz Boas."

Leslie E. Sponsel, doctoral candidate at Cornell, currently doing fieldwork in the Amazon, has done research on the history of primatology and the academic development of physical anthropology, especially at Harvard, and with Dr. Henry T. Epp is publishing an article on the history of anthropology in Canada, from 1860 to 1940.

Charles F. Urbanowicz, California State University, Chico, is doing research on the development of anthropological theory for the Pacific Islands, based on manuscript sources in the Mitchell Library, Sydney and the Turnbull Library, Wellington.

Robin W. Winks, Professor of History, Yale University, is working on the impact of the writings of George Henry Fox-Lane Pitt-Rivers and Lucien Levy-Bruhl on British colonial officers and missionaries in the field.

(see also the listings of research in Germany in the article by James Ryding elsewhere in this issued)